

I was appalled to see that the NAB had the impudence to file such a petition against the satellite radio industry (satellite digital audio radio service) in an attempt to stop local services such as weather, traffic and other types of services that would be beneficial to all subscribers. I feel that the NAB has done this in a fearful response to the rapid growth of XM and Sirius subscribers in the last year. I think the NAB is afraid that they now have a legitimate contender to take away business from them, and instead of even attempting to improve the quality of their services to meet that of Satellite Radio; they followed the style of the RIAA and decided to harass competition and try to eradicate it. All you have to do is take a look at what the RIAA has done to itself, people are refusing to buy cd's now because of the RIAA's off the wall approach to the surge of online music programs, and sales are at the lowest they have ever been. The NAB is doing the exact same thing, instead of looking at the competition and thinking of new ways to compete with them, they instead try to rip the throat out of the competition like an outcast wolf. The NAB is afraid, and they should be for a very good reason, Satellite Radio is making them look bad, with commercial free music, local weather and traffic that you cant get on any radio station in the country to compare with it, and people rushing in hordes to subscribe to the XM and Sirius services. So as I have said repeatedly in this statement, the NAB instead of embracing the competition and trying to increase the entertainment standards of their services, they decided to try and take out the competition at the knees making the competition no threat to the NAB anymore. This action makes me sick, there used to be a time when people embraced competition, now we just get terrified with it and try to take it out before we have to really earn the money we make. I hope the FCC blows this petition out of the water and laughs in the face of the NAB when it comes time to vote on this. If this petition gets passed, I will be dissatisfied with the FCC and will lose what faith I have left in the program.

Sincerely,

Jason Higgins